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BOOK REVIEWS.

CORRECTION. Attention is called to an error in the review of Chamberlayne on Evidence in the March issue. 25 HARV. L. REV. 483, 485. In the last line of page 485 "table of contents" should read "table of cases."

THE COLLECTED PAPERS OF FREDERIC WILLIAM MAITLAND. Edited by H. A. L. Fisher. In three volumes. Cambridge: The University Press; New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1911. pp. ix, 497; 496; vi, 528.

The fifteen hundred or more pages of these three volumes contain sixty-eight papers of various kinds written between 1875 and 1906. They vary in length and subject matter from a book review of three or four pages, a brief note on some historical point from the English Historical Review or an appreciation of Lord Acton, to a college dissertation on Liberty and Equality of over one hundred and fifty pages, a bibliography of English legal history originally contributed to the Political Science Quarterly, a sketch of English legal history of over seventy-five pages which first appeared in Traill's Social England, a long essay "designed to explain to Germans the nature of a trust" published in Grünhut's Zeitschrift, or the careful papers on the History of the Register of Original Writs from this Review.

It is safe to assume that every lawyer who is even slightly acquainted with the historical foundations of our legal system already knows something of the contents of these three volumes. The larger that acquaintance, it is also safe to say, the greater will be his welcome of this opportunity, now first given, of having in convenient and inexpensive form these papers which have hitherto been accessible only to the favored few who possessed complete files of the Law Quarterly Review and the English Historical Review, and not all accessible even to these.

Much of Maitland's best work appeared in these papers and apparently none of importance which could be reasonably expected in a collection of this kind has been omitted from this one, unless it be the chapter on the Anglican Settlement and the Scottish Reformation in volume two of The Cambridge Modern History. The omission of Maitland's introductions to his volumes of the publications of The Selden Society and his remarkable introduction to the Parliament Roll of 1305 in the Rolls Series, the editor satisfactorily accounts for on the ground that they "could not without injury be wrenched from the texts which they are intended to introduce." In the case of the former of these there is the additional good reason that every one who is sufficiently interested in the subject to read them ought if possible to obtain them by enrolling himself as a member of the society itself, and thus help to further a project dear to Maitland's heart and likely to be in the coming years his principal memorial. With the exception of these we have in these volumes practically "the whole mass of Maitland's scattered writing."

Of these sixty-eight papers the editor has starred twenty-two as "of a less technical character" than the rest. The other forty-six have practically all to do with the law or its history, and this is also true of some of the twenty-two more popular ones. Among subjects such as The Origin of Uses, The Corporation Sole, The Origin of the Borough, The Seisin of Chattels, and The Law of Real Property, the breadth of Maitland's knowledge and interests is indicated